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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DDI MID-MAY - 14 OCTOBER 1971

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF 12 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE RUNG
DAU JUNGLE, DINH QUAN DISTRICT, LONG KHANH
PROVINCE, MILITARY REGION 3

ACQ VIETNAM, BIEN HOA (23 OCTOBER 1971)

SOURCE

1. IN MID-MAY 1971, [REDACTED]
2. IN THE RUNG DAU JUNGLE, DINH QUAN DISTRICT, LONG KHANH PROVINCE,
3. [REDACTED]

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A VIET CONG (VC) CADRE [REDACTED] GUARDING 12 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW), WHO WERE BATHING AND WASHING THEIR CLOTHES IN THE DONG NAI RIVER (YT435404). ONE POW, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], SAID THAT FIVE OF THE POWS WERE OFFICERS; THE OTHERS WERE NOT. FURTHER, HE SAID THAT HIS HELICOPTER HAD CRASHED TWO YEARS EARLIER (CIRCA 1969) APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS FROM DONG XOAI (YT67938), PHUOC LONG PROVINCE AND THAT HE HAD BEEN A POW SINCE THAT TIME. [REDACTED], THE SPEAKER

HAS APPROXIMATELY 5'9" TALL, 38 TO 40 YEARS OLD, HAD BROWN CREW CUT HAIR, STREAKED WITH GREY, AND HAD THE WORD "JAPAN" TATTOOED ON THE UPPER PART OF HIS LEFT ARM. TWO OF THE OTHER POWS, [REDACTED], WERE A BLACK OFFICER, DESCRIBED AS OVER SIX FEET TALL, AND A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ABOUT 24 YEARS OLD, APPROXIMATELY 5'11" TALL, WITH SHOULDER-LENGTH BLOND HAIR. THE LATTER WAS DESCRIBED AS QUITE HANDSOME [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. NONE OF THE POWS APPEARED TO BE SUFFERING PHYSICALLY.

2. [REDACTED] WAS TOLD BY THE [REDACTED], LONG KHANH PROVINCE, THAT [REDACTED] HAD REPORTED SEEING A CAUCASIAN PRISONER,

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WITH SHACKLED FEET, BEING LED BY A VC CADRE IN RUNG DAU. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ALSO HEARD SOME VC IN RUNG DAU COMPLAIN OF BEING ON
REDUCED RATIONS "SO THAT THE U.S. PRISONERS COULD HAVE THREE
MEALS A DAY." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], A SUBSEQUENT
RECOVERY OPERATION WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THEM.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USMACV NSATD CORDS 7TH AER FORCE
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